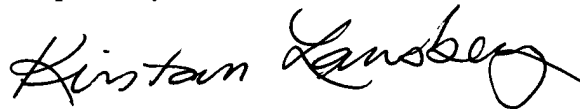


Remarks

By way of the present amendment, the specification has been amended to indicate the relationship of the present application to the priority documents. The above-referenced application is a continuation of Application No. 08/855,260, filed on May 13, 1997, now abandoned, which is a continuation of Application No. 08/463,182, filed Jun. 5, 1995, which issued on May 13, 1997, as U.S. Pat. No. 5,629,175, which is a continuation of Application No. 08/164,346, filed on Dec. 8, 1993, which issued on Aug. 27, 1996 as U.S. Pat. No. 5,550,038, which is a continuation of Application No. 07/507,380, filed Apr. 9, 1990, now abandoned, which is a continuation of Application No. 06/760,236, filed on Jul. 29, 1985, which issued on Sep. 11, 1990 as U.S. Pat. No. 4,956,282. Applicants appreciate that the Official Filing Receipt for the above-referenced application correctly indicates the benefit of these applications as claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120. This amendment does not raise a new issue for further search and consideration. This updates information contained in the Transmittal of Continuation under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b), which was submitted on November 23, 1999 accompanying the instant specification.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request the Office to enter the foregoing amendment without withdrawing the application from issue. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 942-5186 with respect to any unresolved issues remaining in this application.

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